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Harry Slepian



Adelia Couser

Harry: Hey, have you used the cool new vending machine?

Adelia: I saw it in the hallway during lunch!

I haven't bought anything from it yet, but my friend

got some Organic Chocolate Milk earlier today. It was so exciting to watch the bottle drop from its shelf and into her hand!

Harry: Yeah, it's pretty cool. I used it a minute ago. I like how the food gets pushed down a little conveyor belt. It's also a lot less stressful than watching your food get slowly released from the coils, where it occasionally gets stuck anyway...

Adelia: I agree. The mechanism of the vending machine is actually pretty smart: now there's little to no chance of forever losing your food inside the machine, thanks to the conveyor belt.

What do you think about its name? h.u.m.a.n. or something like that?

Harry: I think it's a little bit creepy. I'm sure that's an acronym for something, but it implies this a person, which is definitely not true. I do like the fun cloud pattern, how about you?

Adelia: I think HUMAN stands for "man and nutrition unite something something something," or some happy inspirational phrase like that...

I do agree with you about it being a little creepy--the TV screen attached on the top adds to the implication that the vending machine displays human-like qualities, which, along with being a bit flashy, is somewhat strange. But I'm sure we'll all get used to it.

I like the cloud pattern! It makes me wonder whether the companies have more patterns available to public schools, like sunsets or forests. I'm not a big fan of the prices; however...I think the old vending machines charged 75 cents per snack, while this cool new one costs around \$1.50.

Harry: Yeah, but the snacks are generally all natural and gluten free and other fancy pants stuff like that. I know a bag of chips from the old machine is 75 cents, and the same chips from a store are 50 cents. In the new one, yogurt is \$1.50, versus \$1.00 at a store, so it's really the same markup.

I do like the selection, there are more filling things in the new machine, like the afore mentioned Greek yogurt. Plus I love Popchips. They're chips made from popcorn, which I don't understand how that works, but they're delicious!

Any thoughts on the selection?

Adelia: I approve of the selection; in addition to the inclusion of more filling foods, I think there's a greater variety of a product to choose from. A few of my friends were crying from

happiness upon learning that Chobani yogurt was sold from the machine. I'm also happy about the chocolate milk and Luna bars.

In terms of appearance, the new machine is very eye-catching (especially since it's located next to the old vending machines.) The brightness, the TV screen, and the general modern feel of HUMAN is noticeable

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from all the way down the hall, and I've already heard several students talking about all the foods they're going to buy from it.

How do you think the vending machine will impact Oyster River?

Harry: I hope students will be eating healthier. I do love my s'mores poparts, but I also like Greek yogurt and fruit smoothies, so I can definitely see myself eating a greater variety of snacks from the vending machine! I think it'll have a positive effect. You?

Adelia: I think it's definitely a good idea to encourage people to eat better, especially since 10% of the machine's profits will be used to fight obesity and malnutrition. Speaking of profits, I saw that you're able to use your credit card to pay for food. How do you think money-conscious parents will feel about this payment option?

Harry: It's good to know that some money is going to a good cause.

Hm, that's an interesting question. I think parents give their kids credit cards expecting them to buy random stuff, so better an a granola bar than a Rice Krispy bar, right? (Although, I'll admit, I'd take the latter any day.) I personally don't have a credit card, but people I know with them are pretty jazzed up about it.

Adelia: I guess we can only hope that Oyster River students will be wary in their vending-machine-shopping habits...

Hey, I heard you bought a smoothie and some Popchips earlier today! How

did the taste compare with that of snacks from the older vending machines?

Harry: I personally love Popchips. They're really crispy and light. The smoothie was great too, really dense and tasty. Much more filling than a soda or flavored water. Anything you want to try particularly?

Adelia: I'd like to try the smoothies--those look pretty good. And since you recommended the Popchips, I'll probably try those sometime too.

I think this h.u.m.a.n. is going to be a great addition to the Oyster River community.



EQUESTRIAN TEAM



Sophie Webb
News Co-editor

We've all heard of the classic high school sports like basketball, soccer, and hockey. But have you every heard of the equestrian team? For those of you not so horse savvy, an equestrian is simply a horse. After hearing about the equestrian teams at St. Thomas Aquinas, Dover high School, and multiple other schools in the Seacoast area, Theresa Walker and her son Tim Walker, a freshman here at ORHS, decided to found the ORHS equestrian team.

Essentially the team competes in three competitions and one state championship throughout the year. The club practices once a month from December to June as a group and each rider practices multiple times a week on their own. The club consists of Tim Walker and Julia Webb, freshman, sophomore Emily Sagnella, and

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Julia Webb on horse Rocky

senior Abby Macgregor. This is the riding portion of the team. As well as the riders there are also two spirit members, junior Hannah McCabe and seventh grader Katya Englachiez. (Seventh and eighth graders can be spirit members but not riders.) Basically the spirit members are there to help. They help with tacking the horses, helping the riders to remember their routines, and any other assistance needed. Just like any other competitive sport they need coaches. The ORHS Equestrian Team has three: Jackie McCabe, the owner of Mockingbird Farm in Lee, Karen Bishop, the owner of Linden Woods Farm, where the team practices as a group, and Bishop's daughter Leslie Ann McGowan ORHS alumna of 2010.

The main goal for the riders is to memorize up to five patterns of riding each and perform these patterns in the competitions. The competitions are judged and the riders with the most points go to the Championship in May. There are many different types of riding that the riders can compete in, such as, English, Western, jumping, barrel riding and many more. The first competition is in Freemont on April 7. The other two competitions take place in the spring.

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"I love horses, they're great animals. I've been riding all my life," said Hannah McCabe, team spirit member. Tim Walker said he is excited for the upcoming season. "Riding is like doing all different activities and different events," he said while mounted on his horse Poco.



"I can tell you that my goal when establishing the team was to provide an opportunity for riders at Oyster River High School to compete against students from other schools. I am grateful that Mr. Allen and Mr. Landry have supported the club," said founder of the

club Theresa Walker. The club's other goals for this season are to develop a sense of camaraderie between the members of the club and of course, to have fun!

"Because this is the first year ORHS is participating in the NH High School Equestrian Teams organization (NHHSET), a lot of our goals revolve around learning about the organization and setting the kids up with the appropriate skills and knowledge to successfully represent our school within our district and region," said coach Jackie McCabe.

The team's main long-term goals are to build in skill and education and to augment the size of the team in future years.

"I love horses and I love riding," said Julia Webb, freshman. And that's really why you do anything in life, because you love it and it makes you happy.



Emily Sagnella on horse Blue



Abby Macgregor

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Tim Walker on horse Poco

LIVING OUT LOUD



Harry Slepian
News Writer

On January 10th, students across grade levels participated in the ORHS competition for Poetry Out Loud – a national poetry recitation contest. The event featured judges from the school and UNH community, ORHS Poet Laureate Daniel Belshaw as the emcee, and music from students in our jazz band.

The student competitors' performances showcased their talent for and love of poetry. After an evening of wonderful poems, Michaela Wiberg earned 1st place and Lydia Beller-McKenna won 2nd place. Michaela will go on to represent Oyster River at the regional competition on Wednesday, March 21st at the Rochester Opera House.

It's a really good way to get students involved in reading poetry.

Harry: What poems are you reading, and why?

Michaela: I'm reading Love Armed,

by Aphra Behn, Revenge by Leticia Elizabeth Landon, and So, We'll Go No More a-Roving by Lord Byron. I chose these three because I really liked the emotion that they expressed. They're all very different emotions, but they're ones that everyone can relate to.

H: What do you like the most about Poetry Out Loud?

M: I think that it's a really good way to get students involved in reading poetry, and help them understand it in a new way.

H: What's the most difficult part?

M: The rules can be difficult. You never know how an individual judge is going to rate the difficulty level of the poem you're reading. It's also more about reciting than performing. A lot of people have a hard time separating the two.

H: How have you been preparing for it?

M: I've been going over the poems a lot in my head, figuring out how I'm going to recite them. I'll also be reciting them in front of my advanced writing class, and a lot of the English department.

H: How is it different this time, than before when you've done Poetry Out Loud?

M: My first time I was competing as a freshman against older students. I'm a lot more confident this time around. I'm just really excited to compete at regionals!

Come support Michaela at the Rochester Opera House on Wednesday, March 21 – for more information contact Mr. Kelly



Michaela will represent Oyster River at the Poetry Out Loud regionals.

COFFEEHOUSE



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News Writer

Do you remember ORHS coffee houses from years past? Talking with friends while listening to great music and enjoying a nice, warm cup of coffee used to be a highlight of many high school kids' years. Last year, there was a decline in participants which led to the event happening less frequently. Luckily, it seems a renewed interest in coffee houses has taken hold of the high school.

On Thursday, December 15th the Oyster River coffee house commenced for the first time this year. It was full of joyous spirits, warm personalities and lots of good music. The event included performances by Conor McNamara, Olivia Moore, and a dance group named Simplicity.

Though there aren't as many attendees as in the past, a decent amount of people have shown interest in Coffee House and think that it should happen more often.

"There's free coffee, why aren't more people here?"

"Coffee house defined my youth." Says Conor McNamara, a senior who is one of the main organisers of Coffee House. "I just wanted to recreate that atmosphere I used to feel at former coffee houses."

"I think it would be good if more people showed up so it would grow!"

Students aren't the only ones who go to and enjoy Coffee Houses. "It's like going to a free concert!" Says Wally (last name), an ORHS Librarian. "Art begins locally."

The Next Coffee House Will be on March 20. With the support like what was shown at the last Coffee House, it's certain that this will become as popular as it once was!

ALLEN TAKES THE HELM: FOR GOOD



Sophie Webb
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As of January 12, 2012, Mr. Todd Allen became the permanent principal of Oyster River High School.

"All they did," he said of the School Board, "was remove the 'interim' from the beginning of my title."

Before the start of the 2012-2013 school year, Mr. Allen was appointed as the interim principal of ORHS after Mrs. Rogers left in 2011.

Mr. Allen said he is relieved to know where he is going with this job.

The process of his election went something like this: the superintendent first nominated him for the position, and then at the board meeting the school board voted 7 - 0 to hire Mr. Allen for the job.

"I personally really like him to be our principal. I feel that everyone is comfortable with him because he is so nice in general," said Freshman Isabelle Banker. "I would like him to be the permanent guy!"

As far as differences in the job go there won't be many for Mr. Allen. He will still have all of the same duties as principal such as: to run the school, budget, staff, SINI (School in need of improvement) project, curriculum, and in general to supervise. Except now, he has the comfort of knowing that this job will be his for years to come.

"I am thrilled that he's here. He brings experience with a fresh perspective to our school," said Spanish teacher Mary Beaton.

Mr. Allen has many goals for the years to come. One of his major goals is to see more attention paid to all of the great things students

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at ORHS do and are exposed to. "Due to the tough economic times people have a tendency to only criticize what we are doing and not point out all of the good stuff," said Allen. He really wants the good and positive side of the school and students to be focused on more than it is.

For example, our school is one of the three finalists for the EDIES award, an educational excellence award in the state of New Hampshire.

Mr. Allen would also like to see our school program become more in line with the 21st century learning standards. "This will require us to think differently about what we ask kids to do and how they are allowed to show what they know. There is already a lot of work going on by our teachers to make a lot of this happen," said Allen. He said that eventually he would like the education to become more competence-based and not so much structured around time.

Lastly, Mr. Allen would like to see improved athletic fields at ORHS. "We desperately need more field space and a track. Ideally I would like to see us get an artificial turf field, with a track around it with lights for night events inside a stadium. This is something that our community has needed for a long time," said Allen.

Mr. Allen wants to stimulate effort for the new fields within the community and the sports teams at the school who could benefit from a new field.

The school community in general seems to be happy with Mr. Allen as the principal as well as the school board and the community.

"I think Mr. Allen would make a good permanent principal," said an anonymous source.

"I'm glad that Mr. Allen is the principal, a familiar face who has an understanding of how our school system works," said Junior Serena Pape.

"I am excited about our new leadership and I am confident he will work to make Oyster River the best school it can be," said Social Studies teacher Karen Van Dyke.



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25TH ANNIVERSARY RUSSIA TRIP



Laurel Gibson
Features Writer

It has been 25 years since Oyster River organized its first Russia trip, back when it was still the Soviet Union. Now a new group of 10 students are ready to embark on the same 10 hour journey for a trip of a lifetime.

The students traveling to Russia will leave in late April for a fifteen day trip through the Russian Exchange Program. Social Studies teacher Karen Van Dyke and Special Ed teacher Brian Ryan will chaperone the trip. While there, students will stay with host families allowing them to be immersed in the whole culture for a truly unique experience.

The Russian Exchange program at Oyster River was founded in 1987 by Social Studies teacher Alex Herlihy when he heard a story on NPR about a man who facilitated similar exchanges. Students at Oyster River have been traveling to Russia ever since to cities such as Severodvinsk, Novgorod, Leningrad, St. Petersburg, and Moscow.

Russian students from City Gymnasium, an English immersion school in Severodvinsk, visit Oyster River as well as part of the Russian Exchange Program.

In order to travel to Russia, students must first take Russian studies unless they were previously involved with the Russian exchange program by hosting Russians. They do not need to know Russian and will learn only a few key words, since their host families can all speak English.

Matt Pappas, who has traveled to Russia with students in the past, says that the main points of the Russia trip are: "to know a different culture, to gain information from another culture, [and] to travel to a place they will never have such an opportunity again or very rarely."

Katelin Lawrence, a sophomore who has hosted a Russian student, will be traveling to Russia this April. "I decided to go because it is a really good opportunity and I had met the Russian students when they came here," she said. "I'm most excited to see the kids that I met earlier this year and to meet new people."

Lawrence also hopes to gain more knowledge of another culture that she might not have the opportunity to visit again.

The students will have an opportunity to tour Severodvinsk, visit a few National Parks, an outdoor Russian Architecture Museum and a mineral spring that some consider to have "healing properties". There is a possibility that they will tour the house of Lee Harvey Oswald's (the assassin of JFK) wife. On the return trip, students will get to stay a night in the city of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Students are still waiting to book their flights but they will be leaving in the month of April.



QUEBEC TRIP



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Features Writer

All that is separating 37 students from a little French culture this April is a 7 ½ hour bus ride from home.

On April 13, the students will be traveling to Quebec alongside French teachers Steve Lord and Barb Milliken and nurse Danuta Richards. Departing from school on a Friday in a private coach bus, they will spend four days in Quebec, returning on Monday. The trip is open to all French students in levels 2, 3, 4 and 5.

"Travel is the best way that an individual learns about oneself," says Milliken. "As Americans, we are very unaware of exactly what our culture really is. We take a lot for granted and are truly oblivious to what 'makes' us American. When you travel, these elements come to light. You learn what you miss, what you appreciate, what you value. You see firsthand how another culture lives and experiences life. You get the chance to be brave enough to actually put your language to use!"

The French department usually plans a trip annually, alternating between France and Quebec to allow students to have the opportunity to travel to both Canada and Europe.

"There has been a history of the French department doing these every other year sequence of trips for many, many years," said Milliken. "Monsieur Lord is the head teacher who does a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to make sure these trips go."

Milliken said that is also helpful to have Richards on the trip. "Many people might not know that Mrs. Richards grew up in a French Canadian home and understands French very well," she said. Richards does a great deal of planning prior to the trip as well.



Isabelle Beagen, a sophomore traveling to Quebec, is excited "to be somewhere new and foreign," and to experience "the language, food and landmarks. It will be good practice using [French] in real life situations."

Students will have the opportunity to tour Quebec City, learning its history and experiencing its culture. They will explore Grande Allée, one of the most famous streets of Quebec, and visit Notre Dame de Québec Cathédrale, a cathedral built in 1647. They will also dine on traditional French food and visit historical monuments among other things.



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Features Writer

TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Imagine leaving New Hampshire and traveling for six hours only to get off the plane on US soil that seems nothing like the United States you know.

Over April vacation, 14 Oyster River Spanish students will be doing just that. They will be traveling to Puerto Rico for five days. Students will experience the unique culture of Puerto Rico through day trips led by Vámanos Tours. The trip is open to students in Spanish 2, 3 4 and 5 who wish for a full cultural and language immersion.

"I wanted to make something that was more affordable and still a culturally rich experience," said Spanish teacher Mary Beaton. "That's why I picked Puerto Rico."

Beaton, who will be chaperoning the trip alongside Spanish teacher Wendy Gibson, believes that it is important to travel to foreign countries in order to gain an understanding of their language. "You cannot really get a feeling for a language until you've heard it spoken amongst native speakers," said Beaton.

At the same time, however, Beaton does not expect for the students' foreign language skills to transform overnight. "If you were learning a language you should plan on staying a semester somewhere, a year would even be better," she said.

She does believe though, that students will "have a different appreciation for the language when they get back." Speaking with the locals and experiencing the Puerto Rican culture will enhance their Spanish language experience, she said.

While in Puerto Rico, students will have the chance to speak with the locals, whether it be ordering authentic Puerto Rican food at Piñones or touring old San Juan. Another goal of the trip is to practice using Spanish in a real-life situation.

"I am looking forward to the experience of speaking Spanish 24/7 and improving my language skills," said Sophie Pavlidis, a sophomore traveling to Puerto Rico.

Deborra Wilson, a senior who has traveled to Spain with a school group, says that speaking with locals is what gave her the confidence she needed to continue with her Spanish studies. "As we stayed, I realized I knew more Spanish than I thought. I could understand most of what they were saying," she said.

Students will not only have a chance to practice their ability to speak Spanish, they will also spend time familiarizing themselves with the culture of Puerto Rico. "If you are a student of a foreign language, then you must become a student of the culture as well," says Beaton.

On the travel itinerary: Sample authentic Puerto Rican food, take Salsa dance lessons, visit El Yunque Rainforest, swim in one of Puerto Rico's bioluminescent bays and enjoy Carnival in Ponce.



The purpose of the Puerto Rico is not just visiting popular tourist destinations. Students will have the opportunity to volunteer at a local elementary school where they will assist in service projects. They will also visit an idyllic small fishing village called La Parguera.

Beaton is looking forward to traveling to Puerto Rico. Although many of the benefits of traveling to Puerto Rico are obvious, some are more apparent upon

return. According to Beaton, "the kids who are not friends when we leave are friends by the time we get home. That's nice, to form new friendships like that."

By 7:15 a.m. on April 20, the students will have boarded their flight at Logan Airport. By 1:30 they will have arrived in San Juan, ready to begin their Puerto Rican tour.



TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION



Kelsey Hails
Guest Features
Writer

Whether in everyday conversation or on the internet, people love to share and listen to each other's experiences. Here's a compilation of some of the funniest, weirdest and most interesting anecdotes featuring stories e-mailed to Mouth of the River by students.

"I'm really clumsy. A while ago, I was taking out the garbage, it was dark and I stumbled over very uneven ground. I managed to keep myself from falling, but in the process my shorts fell off. Just as this happened, the motion sensor light in our backyard flickered on. I don't know if the neighbors saw it or not."



"I got my favorite cat a cat bed the other day. She was the only cat with no bed in the house because she hates sleeping in any of them. She'd rather sleep on a piece of cardboard or an old newspaper. So, I went to the store and looked for the most uncomfortable cat bed there and put it in her favorite spot. First she acted like I ruined her favorite spot. Then, I threw an old dusty shirt on the bed and now she uses it all the time."

"I was hiking down a railroad track in a ravine. There was a road nearby, and I heard a noise. Thinking it was a car, I ran up the ravine to see if someone was coming. About two seconds after I moved, a train came roaring down the tracks. Good thing I moved or I'd be dead."



"I was sketching the other night, and I was amazed with how well the sketch was coming along, which isn't always the case. Well, I had been listening to this

catchy song on repeat all the time I was drawing, and it had lines like 'believe, and you will find your way, you will find the key!' and apparently, it subconsciously worked."

"I was trying to walk through a set of double doors. Not only did I first try to walk through the locked door, but then when I went through the right one, my bag caught on the door, sending me flying backwards as I tried to go through."

"A couple winters ago, I went backcountry skiing. I went off the trails and into some paths in the woods. After a couple minutes, I came across a fork in the path I was on. I took the

left path. Soon after following that path, I narrowly stopped in time to avoid going over a cliff. It was about a fifteen foot drop; I could ski off it, but I would probably break my skis-and my legs. I unsnapped my skis, and gently dropped them over the cliff. I jumped into a thick pile of snow at the base of the cliff. It hurt a little, but I could still ski. As I continued skiing, I saw the other path had led to a much higher part of the cliff, about forty or fifty feet high."



"A couple years ago I decided to confess to a crush, but I wanted to do it privately for obvious reasons. I never got that opportunity, so I did the next best thing. I stood behind her while she was talking to her friends one day and whispered into her ear. She turned around and I realized it was the wrong girl; I'd never even met this person before."

"Last year, I was in Maine with my boyfriend, and one time we were in a restaurant and had just gotten our drinks. I had coffee and opened the sugar packet. My boyfriend and I were having a conversation, and a group of older people being led by a host (who was going to seat them) started walking toward us. All the sudden I kind of went brain-dead and started talking really slow because I was being distracted by the group walking past us and then my boyfriend, a grumpy-looking old lady and I watched myself pour the sugar out of the packet onto a plate instead of in the coffee. I was distracted by so much and then I saw I was pouring the sugar in the wrong place."



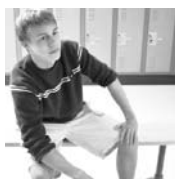
"I was driving home from work a few months ago. It was really dark, and I missed the exit off the highway I normally take. By the time I realized I was heading the wrong direction, I was approaching the toll booth and couldn't turn back. I grudgingly forked over the 75 cents, and went through. To make things worse, there were no exits on the highway for at least another twenty minutes. By the time I finally found an exit, I had no clue where I was, and I had to drive around for a solid hour and a half before I got home."



"There was a bad storm, and after it, my driveway was completely covered in ice. I was running late, but I was able to run without falling in high heels. Later that day, I changed into my snow boots and fell on my butt."

"For some crazy reason, I like to sing in the car. As I was starting up my car, I was singing 'Misery' by Maroon 5. I turned on the radio-and that song was playing only a couple seconds ahead of the part I was singing!"





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GUETTA TURNS UNH ON

Durham has been brought to life once again by the deafening yet enjoyable sounds of electronic dance music, also known as house music. David Guetta, Alesso, & R3hab played to an animated crowd at the Whittemore Center February 8 and played a combined five hour show. Matt Segil, a sophomore of Oyster River High School said, "It was a night to remember. The kids were fun and the music was great. What more can you ask for?" There were a total of 3,735 tickets sold for the event and that was very apparent during the show. Evan Rogers, another attendee of the event said, "The place was absolutely packed. I was on the floor and there were times I couldn't move at all."

The French DJ, David Guetta, has been accredited with connecting the electronic house music of Europe and the sounds of popular musicians in the United States. Guetta is partly responsible for the current electronic dance scene exploding throughout the US as well

as the increased appearance of house music on the US charts. Jason Alphonse, who is a recently turned house music fan who was in attendance of the show at the Whittemore said, "The scene appeared here almost out of nowhere and suddenly almost every kid wants a piece of the action."

NV Concepts is the concert production company responsible for the David Guetta show as well as the Avicii show last November. The show was a part of the Winter White Tour which traveled along the East Coast and featured musicians such as Hardwell, Chris

Lake, Bingo Players, Dada Life, and of course David Guetta. Haley Prussel, a Freshman of UNH said, "This was my first concerts with just DJs on stage. I was skeptical of the show but it turned out to be unreal." Landon Burt of Oyster River High School said, "Just being out there on the floor with everyone jumping up and down and dressed in the same crazy rave clothes is a concert experience like no other." This doesn't look like the end of electronic dance



David Guetta tearing up UNH

shows for UNH. NV Concepts plans to light up the East Coast again very soon.

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- Matt Segil

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Alesso was the second act and many fans felt he was just as good as the headliner, David Guetta.



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One of the yetis and giant balls that got the crowd going

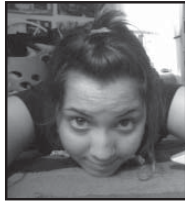


UNH girls anticipating David Guetta's arrival to the stage



EDM shows are notorious for their light shows and special effects





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HOROSCOPES

secrets with you...once you get yourselves off the animals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Aries (March 21-April 19)

MOR staff matches: Alex Harling (3/30), Liam Cooney (4/4).

While you're sneaking downstairs for a midnight snack, your refrigerator will suddenly open all by itself! As you're cowering in a corner and frantically weeping with fear, Kanye West (in all his glory) will burst out of the vegetable drawer and begin serenading you with a medley of his fantastically well-written songs, including "All of the Lights" and "Heartless." He will soon be joined by Jay-Z and Nicki Minaj. Enjoy your personal concert!



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

MOR staff matches: Adelia Couser (5/11), Chad Burns (5/18).

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, you will consume several bowls of Lucky Charms with green milk (thank you, food coloring!). Suddenly, Lucky Leprechaun himself will appear before you, howling, "They'll steal me Lucky Charms!" just like he does on the commercials, and he'll go crazy! After pulling a battle-axe out of nowhere, Lucky will proceed to chop up every piece of furniture in sight in a mad fit of rage. Your only hope is to get that elephant tranquilizer gun that's been sitting in your closet for all these years. Will you make it? We'll see when the day comes...



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

MOR staff matches: Sophie Webb (5/22), Matt Carey (5/24), Harry Slepian (5/26), Jennifer Taylor (6/10).

While you managed to ward off your last friend's failed attempt at professing their undying love for you, don't relax yet: there's another one coming, and this time it's that really, really talkative acquaintance. Beware of warning signs like brightly colored print advertisements, non-perforated notebook paper, and suspiciously happy people. If you see more than three of these in the near future.....run.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

MOR staff matches: Mr. Krauss (July 6), Laurel Gibson (June 26).

Congratulations! You finally got that really cute kid to come over to your house—they agreed to tutor you in English after school. While they're staring out the window and inhaling a flower-scented breeze, a large pineapple will dislodge itself from your neighbor's fruit tree and careen straight toward their face. You'll stop staring at their perfect hair in order to tackle them to the ground, saving their flawless features from being marred by flying fruit...and they'll give you a kiss in gratitude.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

MOR staff matches: None.

In a couple of weeks, you'll see a rainbow stretching into the distance. Upon following it, you'll discover that it ends at your own house! Several hundred pots of gold will be spilling over your floors, complete with green-clad leprechauns. Unfortunately, you'll be so busy rolling around in these newfound riches that you'll fail to notice the rainbow fading away...and your



money will go with it. Bummer.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

MOR staff matches: None.

You knew this was coming...in the very near future, your impossible math homework will finally awaken an unspeakable rage in your soul. Filled with consuming hatred, you'll jump on your desk and utter a roar that would make even Kim Kardashian's fake eyelashes quiver. This agonizing cry will split atoms and consequently create a whole new world, filled with tiny minions who are ready to serve you! Just remember: with great power comes great responsibility.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

MOR staff matches: Ian Avery-Leaf (9/26), Mr. Kelly (9/27), Zander Hobbs (10/18).

Your family cooked a lot of beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day...like, a lot. The massive amount of Tupperware containers needed to hold all the leftovers will be too much for your fridge, and you'll be forced to store them around your house instead. Consequently, you and your family will be trapped by a wall of Tupperware in a corner of the bathroom for several hours. You'll finally break free when they decide to use your strong head as a battering ram.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

MOR staff matches: Annika Barth (11/5), Kelsey Hails (11/19).

You already know that it's a regular occurrence to have people throwing themselves at you and begging for your autograph. Sometimes they'll even stop in the hallway, open-mouthed, to stare at your beautiful face. However, none of them have been worthy candidates of your love—until now. In the near future, a sad-faced Capricorn will approach you and ask you to go to Mama Mac's and More with them. Do not refuse this offer—it will change both of your lives forever.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

MOR staff matches: Christian Sbrilli (12/3).

You may think you're in for another boring evening of watching reruns of The Bachelor...but you're wrong! With his well-known battle cry of "Jaysooooon Deruuuuulo!!!" the pop star will burst through your living room window, bouquet of roses in hand, and promptly set off the burglar alarm. You'll get to spend the night in police custody instead!



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

MOR staff matches: Emerson MacLean (12/23).

Hey, cheer up! The past few weeks have been stressful for you, but your luck is about to turn. The stars are pushing you towards someone with a Scorpio sign—find one, befriend them, and go out to dinner at Mama Mac's and More (it's in downtown Durham, for the poor souls who have not yet tasted the restaurant's glorious food).



You'll quickly find that love is in the air.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

MOR staff matches: Billy Sturtevant (1/31), Genja Teleganov (2/6).

Very soon, the dismal lack of snow this winter season will suddenly take a toll on you, and you'll find yourself unable to even get out of bed due to your extreme sadness at the absence of soft white puffy things falling from the sky. You'll lie in bed, rewatching Christmas movies that contain a sizeable amount of snow and drinking gallons of hot chocolate in an attempt to bring back the winter spirit. Don't



worry, though—you'll get over it in a few days.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

MOR staff matches: None.

In an April Fool's Day prank gone horribly, horribly wrong, you'll find yourself wearing a tutu, covered in glitter, and hanging upside down on a llama. But wait, it gets better...Ke\$ha is on a nearby alpaca! Since this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, it would be wise to ask for the singer's autograph and ask her to share her beauty



Billy Sturtevant
Features Writer

DIFFERENT TYPES OF ALIENS

Ever since the July 8th, 1947 Roswell incident, there has been a huge following in movies, comics, and games involving extra-terrestrial life forms. But are they dangerous? What are they like? Well hopefully this report will shed some laser light on the topic.

The classic form of aliens is the 'Big heads'. This class seems very part peaceful. According to reports

scientific and for the most they abduct both animals and humans alike. They examine the abductees before dropping them back; the "recently taken" have no memory recollection of the missing time and in some rare cases are repeatedly abducted. They could describe their kidnappers through hypnosis.

However Hollywood decided that, the unknown is a scary thing, proceeding to then ship out some classic and cheesy examples of extra-terrestrials.

Some of the classics like "The Thing" or "The Blob" and "Invasion of the body snatchers" all introduce hostile extraterrestrials. All the movies named are prime examples of 'Absorber' type aliens. There is no "origin" story to explain what they do, they just attack and kill humans with no empathy or common reason. The original "Thing" movie has a six foot tall guy choking or smacking people to death, the alien could survive bullets



"Big Head" example above from "Close encounters of the third kind" Danger level: Low
Image from shiverz.tumblr.com



"Adorber" example on the right of the adaptable thing from "The Thing"
Danger level: High

was also sensitive to fire. Point of origin was next to a crashed ship artifact. "The Blob" in a similar fashion to "The Thing" eats it's victims but in a horrifying twist, the 'blob' increases in size with each living thing consumed.

Nothing can stop "The Blob" except cold temperatures. Because of the fact that the 'blob' is red people like to speculate that it is symbolic to communism. While this may be true, the point of origin was from a meteorite.

"Invasion of the body snatchers" took the idea of abduction and turned as a plan for a secret alien invasion, making the aliens in this movie here both 'Invader' and 'Absorber' type. Other movies like "Battle: LA" or "War of the Worlds" has alien invaders

intentionally trying to take over Earth for the sake of our natural resources. Clearly under the Invader category, usually we humans prevail through dumb luck, stealing their technology, or our planet kills them for us.

The movies "Alien" and "Predator" are unique life forms because neither are Invader types and while both share traits of "big heads" in that they



Alien (left) from "Alien" and Predator (right) from "Predator"
Danger level: GAME OVER MAN!
Image from monstersandbeasts.blogspot.com



"Teachers" example above from "E.T." Danger level: none
Image from blogs.amctv.com

dangerous.

There are also the innocent aliens to break up the monotony of killer life forms. These consist of accidental space ship crashes that end up with a child or senior citizen helping to free the alien (E.T, Cocoon). These are classified as 'Teachers' who are usually very harmless, but they can sometimes be paranoid while some are generous to spread their knowledge to others and very similar to ourselves. Occasionally though said life forms can be abused by higher ranking powers trying to take advantage of their knowledge or technology (District 9, Avatar).

One last category to mention is 'Drifters'. These are examples of U.F.O's that drift in to our air space for unknown reasons. However they seem to just go about their own business and don't bother anyone, but also disappear as quickly as they arrived.

The most important kind perhaps is the 'Monolith' recently back in 2001, there was space expedition done to find out what it was and *garbled* they found *censored* everyone was *missing information*. Even worse there was one found *end of transmission*.



Above image, The Monolith from "2001: A Space Odyssey"
Danger level: ?
Image from tvtropes.org



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Although the article, P.E. For Everybody? By Sophie Web presents why P.E. should not be a required class and merely an elective for those who are in sports, I think that it should really be a required course for all students.

Webb brings up that if an athlete has a big game that day, then P.E. class would be a detriment to the athlete and would cause him/her to perform worse than how he/she usually would due to exhaustion. I believe that although gym may be a physically taxing class, to most athletes it is a time for fun and to relax after sitting through exhausting classes.

If P.E. were to become an optional class for athletes, then it would not be fair to those who are not. After all, someone may not be a part of an Oyster River sport, but could belong to some other club team outside of school and would not be eligible for deciding whether or not they wanted to participate in gym. This means that the standards required to determine whether someone was an athlete would be too confusing and add too much extra work for the guidance counselors.

Athletes within our school district are in excellent shape in order to be able to play the sports that they do. As well as being in shape, they love P.E. because it enables them to show off their skills in that particular activity. If P.E. was an optional course, athletes would still continue to participate and not take advantage of the option presented.

Thank you,
Carli Chiodo

To The Editor:

I would like to state my opinion about your article "Who's Your Daddy Now?" I want to add some more information that I know about this article. Your article seemed like you were making assumptions without doing the real research.

I have known the owner of Daddy's Junky Music forever. His name is Freddie Bramante; my family has known him for years. He lives in a big house, and in addition to him loving music he has a pool in the shape of a guitar. Freddie loves having party and surely has a lot of friends. He really never planned or wanted Daddy's to close. The store Daddy's Junky Music was so convenient for everyone. I like how you put examples of costumers. The store was a good place for all ages. I would go there to buy my reeds for my saxophone. I know for a fact that Daddy's was having some financial troubles. My mother had told me the day of the closing. I think that in your article you could've added about the financial issues.

Daddy's Junky Music will be missed, but maybe one day it could come back. It would be the best day for many musicians.

From:

Amelia Borner
Sophomore

To The Editor:

My older brother Conor would often come home from school complaining about how the school has screwed his class yet again. I thought he was being dramatic and overreacting. I never really realized that he was speaking the truth, that his class was always getting the consequences that should have been dished out to the class ahead of him.

As I read your article, there were so many things that have been taken away from the seniors through out there whole Oyster River Cooperative School District career. I think people got overly sensitive about spirit week. We should be able to decorate are whole school, not just bleachers, that's lame. Really lame. Seniors especially should have the opportunity to deck out there whole school with blue and white. The other thing that puzzles me is how you can't have more than one free period. If you have already reached your graduation requirements, why do you have to take more classes then needed? It's preposterous. Not being able to hang out in the core must have been pretty awful to. Just because someone from the class AHEAD of you made one stupid mistake, you all had to deal with the punishment, even though you should have never even been punished at all.

I look at the trend and I could only wonder what it will be like when I am a senior. Will my class even have fewer benefits, or will we have more? Everyone wants their senior year to be special and mean something, but how can that happen when seniors have no benefits at all. They have already made it this far and the majority of them are 18 and their already legally adults. You can't treat them as if they are freshmen.

Sincerely,
Maggie McNamara
Sophomore

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“WHAT THE **** IS QUINOA, ANYWAYS?”

THIRTY DAYS OF TAPIOCA BREAD, ALMOND MILK AND SPINACH WRAPS



Kelsey Hails
Op-Ed Writer

About two months ago, my mom and I found out that we might have Celiac disease. Celiac disease is a digestive condition triggered by eating a protein called gluten that's found mostly in wheat, barley and rye products. People with celiac disease who eat gluten experience damage to their small intestines and side effects such as diarrhea and stomachaches. Celiac disease has many symptoms, but these are all things that have other causes such as skin rashes, anemia, joint pain, cramps, and abdominal pain.

It's more common than you think, and many colleges and restaurants offer gluten-free options. Dairy can also be inflammatory for people with Celiac disease, so my mom and I decided to test to see whether we had a wheat intolerance or dairy intolerance. We decided to start off the year of 2012 with a shared New Year's resolution: go without eating gluten or dairy for a month.

January 1: It's the first day of our gluten/dairy-free experiment! I wonder what I'm going to have for lunch. I can't eat bread, so sandwiches and wraps are out. I settle on a roast beef sandwich, and when I say "roast beef sandwich" I mean lettuce and mayonnaise wrapped up inside a slice of roast beef.



One brand that makes gluten-free food. Their baked goods taste almost exactly like the real thing!

January 4: Finding gluten and dairy-free breakfast foods is really hard. Before going gluten-free, I usually had toast, waffles, bagels, or Pop Tarts. Occasionally, I would eat

cereal, too. Luckily, I have A-period free, so I have the time to fry up an egg for breakfast.

January 7: My French 5 class has a surprise party, and a few people bring in cakes. I make the best of it; I take a slice of each, cut off the frosting, and throw out the rest of the cake (frosting has a minute amount of dairy in it, but it's 99% sugar and flavoring). It was almost painful to do this; I love cake.



I can't believe it's not dairy!

January 10: I'm finally starting to get used to not eating any gluten or dairy. I was already used to drinking almond and coconut milk; they're really good, but I still like dairy milk. I've learned that on the days where I don't have time to make an egg I can have oatmeal for breakfast (oats themselves don't have gluten, but they are often processed in the same facilities as wheat), which broadens the choices for what I can have for breakfast (currently limited to eggs and certain gluten-free cereals such as Chex).

January 14: My mom finds some gluten-free tapioca bread (yes, it's made of the same stuff as that nasty, lumpy pudding). It's...interesting. It's not bad, but it has a rather stiff texture and doesn't have the flavor of wheat bread. The slices are really small, but they're so adorable. At least they don't taste like tapioca.

January 17: Based off some research my mom and I did, I'm start-

ing to think that I only have a gluten intolerance and not a dairy intolerance. That's good; it's a lot harder to find good-tasting dairy-free food than good-tasting gluten-free food. Still, I won't have any dairy until February.

January 20: There's a bake sale after midterms, but I have to pass it up. I highly doubt they have anything gluten-free. Since I'm taking the late bus today, it means I'll have to wait at least another half hour before lunch. At least there's still some leftover quinoa (pronounced "keen-whah") pasta.



Doesn't that look just like regular bread?

January 23: I go out to eat at a Chinese restaurant. Thankfully, most Chinese food is made with rice flour, so I don't have a hard time finding something gluten and dairy-free for dinner. It occurs to me I've had a lot of rice in the past three weeks.

January 25: One good thing about going gluten and dairy-free is that you get to eat a lot of salad, since it doesn't have gluten or dairy in it. Whether that sounds good to you or not might vary, but salad is one of my favorite foods. I make spinach, walnut and cranberry chicken salads for dinner.

January 28: I have gluten-free pancakes for breakfast. They're actually very good; they don't taste much different than regular pancakes. Gluten-free products can be hit or miss; some taste almost exactly like the normal food (pancakes, pretzels, ginger snaps), others taste different and not nearly as good as the normal food (bread, spaghetti). They're also expensive and hard to find around here.

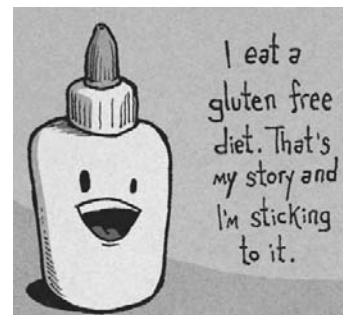


It's pronounced "keen-whah".

January 31: It's the last day of my experiment. Reflecting on it, it wasn't that hard to go without gluten and dairy for a month...or maybe I'm just getting used to it. It honestly wasn't that bad; I could manage it for a much longer time.

The consensus? As it turns out, I don't have Celiac disease, but I'm still slightly gluten and dairy intolerant. I'm able to eat gluten and dairy, but only every once in a while.

I've also noticed some differences since going gluten-free. Though I rarely got sick enough to stay home from school, I had frequent cold symptoms like a sore throat, runny nose, and coughs and skin rashes. Those have gone away almost completely since I went gluten-free.



ELECTRONIC MUSIC IGNITES EAST COAST



EDM – Electronic Dance Music, have become the most repeated words in the music scene throughout the US. House and Dubstep fall into

Zander Hobbs this category and these sounds are reaching airwaves throughout the US and selling out concert venues everywhere, including the East Coast.

The past few years EDM has increased in popularity dramatically – in the US that is. EDM has been a major part of the Europe music scene for decades, and EDM DJs and artists have only recently been receiving success and acknowledgement in the states that is comparable to the rock star status they have maintained in Europe.

Dubstep has become a very popular genre among teens, but I have yet to meet an adult who can even bare to listen to one song. Dubstep has been popular for years in Europe, but Americans are just starting to catch on and many of them are not quite entirely sure of what it is. Aaron Slepian refers to it as “Techno music with a lot of metallic sounds – like Transformers having sex. There is also a lot of bass.” Dubstep can be more understandably described as a distinctive type of electronic music with a distorted, throbbing bass, creating a unique sound or the “Wuv Wobble, Wobble.” Nick Chiodo an avid Dubstep fan says, “I love dancing to it; it makes me hungry.” Matt Fenerty has even been caught listening to it to fall asleep.

It all started in South London, and the music eventually gained popularity as well as the name, “Dubstep.” Around 2005, dubstep had established itself as a new branch in electronic music. It was not until 2009, when dubstep hit the mainstream, that it achieved the height in popularity we’re familiar with today. Thanks to artists such as Bassnectar, Skrillex, Excision, and Rusko, dubstep has become a household word. Many remixes to popular songs also helped the popularity introduced people to the sound who may not have become exposed to it in another way.

Dubstep should not overshadow by the other major side of EDM right now – House music. Tiesto, Armin van Buuren, Swedish House Mafia, David Guetta, Afrojack and Avicii are some of the biggest names in house music right now. House music has been receiving commercial success in the states because of the bridge David Guetta created between Europe’s EDM and America’s pop music.

Alex Harling, a fan of the EDM scene who has been spotted wearing a neon pink MASS EDMC shirt that he wears to countless arena rave shows spent two weeks in Europe over the summer and was enlightened to the music scene. “Rock music had always been my thing and I didn’t know much about house or electronic dance although I thought Scooter and Basshunter were fun. I only knew about Dubstep because Nick

Chiodo would play it whenever I was in his car with his massive subs and I thought it sounded lame and almost as boring as blasting rap. I went to my first EDM club in Spain where Avicii and Armin van Buuren had been known to play. The place was wild was unlike any other scene I have been a part of. I was instantly hooked. A few months later back in the states, Avicii’s “Levels” hit the mainstream and suddenly everyone was a fan and DJs are playing colleges all over.”

Mr. Kelly spent some time in France before EDM mania hit the US. “I went to a show with some people that started at 1 AM. My friends loved it but I didn’t get into. I also went to a show at an abandoned warehouse.”

“I went to a show at an abandoned warehouse” - Mr. Kelly



Crowd at the Avicii show in November at UNH.

David Guetta’s music opened the doors for countless DJs and their music is reaching the top of American charts.

These musicians are headlining some of the largest music festivals such as Bonnaroo and Coachella. They have even spurred festivals completely devoted to the scene including Ultra Music Festival and Electric Daisy Carnival. The Winter White Tour featuring David Guetta, Hardwell, Bingo Players, Dada Life, and Alesso took the East Coast by storm and sold out many college venues. “The scene here is exploding,” Alex Harling said, “It’s so exciting being a part of something really big right now.”

For years in the US, raves were notorious for being secret events held in places such as warehouses and abandoned buildings. Now they’ve emerged from the underground and kids

“So many kids are a part of this right now.” - Alex Harling

are paying to anything from \$15 - \$100 to see an arena rave show. “So many kids are a part of this right now,” Alex Harling said, “whether they enjoy blasting Swedish House Mafia’s ‘Save the World Tonight,’ getting excited about the drops in Dubstep,



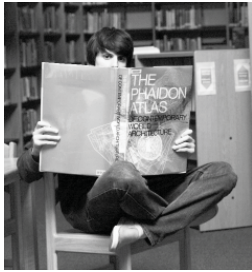
David Guetta playing UNH back in February

attending a Dada Life show in Portland, or buying their own DJ equipment and trying to make the next big hit they are contributing to EDM’s success and are a part of its community, conscience of it or not.”

When discussing these music trend the question is raised, “Is this here to stay, or is just a trend?” Alex Harling shares with us what he thinks, “Every twenty years or so, there seems to be a massive change in the music industry regarding genres. It went from big band and traditional pop to rock and roll, to hard rock, to punk, to grunge and rap and now we’re waiting for something big. This just might be it. The Beatles came from Europe along with a slew of other legendary groups and they changed music forever. David Guetta’s nowhere near the status of a Beatle, but he has come from Europe bringing other DJs and the irresistible sounds kids are craving right now. Maybe this is just a fad, and can turn out to be the equivalent of Disco. No matter what, it’s where the positive rages are at.”

The Electronic Dance Music Community is expanding and shows are popping up all over New England. Now is the time to participate in the scene. Don’t wait till it dies.

LOCAL MEN WEEP FROM GAME OUTCOME



Christian Sbrilli
Guest Sports
Writer

"Males who tear liquids from their eyes at sporting events are inferior to those who refrain from crying," said Oyster River Alumni, xelA renssiM (his name is spelled backwards upon request of the Burlington PD).

These days there has been a sharp increase in weeping males at sporting events, not because of injury and physical pain, but because of game loss. Males ranging from avid television fans, to professional players have broken down into tears during or as a result of sport-

ing events. This weeping seems to have become an epidemic in America as well as in scattered parts of Europe. It was almost 19 years ago today, that Tom Hanks uttered the wise words,

"Boys will be boys!" though society has strayed from the flock of Tom.

There is a fair amount of controversy surrounding the proposed issue of sport induced tears by men. At Oyster River High School, a school full of both insightful people, as well as talented athletes, people have begun to share their thoughts on the proposed issue.

"Boys will be boys!," said Oyster River senior, Elliott Young. Young followed up by saying "I sometimes cry!" Oyster River junior, Pranav Nanda, said "I don't have a strong opinion either way because I get annoyed during sports



games and throw things occasionally."

Not all Oyster River males were as open minded as Nanda and Young. Tear abstinent, and potentially sexist Oyster River senior, Johnathan Spinney stated that, "Men who cry because of sports have way too much estrogen in

them."

Oyster River gym teacher and muscular jock, John Morin was not as black and white with his response. When asked about his thoughts on sport-induced tears, he replied "I refuse to answer the question." Morin's voice cracked a little as he replied and his eyes appeared to be glassier than usual.

"The last time I cried, my mother was birthing me"

Although the issue of sport induced tears is widespread, it may or may not be a problem in countries such as Mexico. Oyster River senior and Mexican scholar, Oscar Bayod, stated, "the last time I cried, my mother was birthing me."

It is interesting to see how females at Oyster River view sport induced tears in men. "I think all guys should cry, I cry all the time!," says Oyster River senior, Rachel Armaduri.



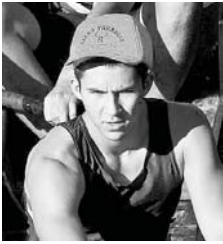
Unlike Amaduri, some female students have chosen to take a different look at the proposed issue. Oyster River Senior, Paige Moody understands that some people work very hard and sometimes tears are the only way to express their feeling of loss. Moody also noted that this "tear exemption" is really only allowed if you are participating in a game and it is a play-off game or any game with a large amount of importance. Although seemingly indecisive, she left the interview with a final all inclusive statement, "Crying at sporting events is not acceptable unless you are a loser."

The perspective of both males and females were collected at Oyster River High School. However, one interviewee offered a new point of view on this issue. Andrew Armstrong, Oyster River Senior, athlete, and potential cry-baby stated that he is completely in favor of the tears of men. He said, "I respect emotions and I understand that a lot of people take sports very seriously." Shortly after the interview Armstrong was found in the fetal position, beneath a parked mini van, sobbing for an undisclosed reason.

It is well understood what Oyster River High School has to say about crying, but the professionals have something else to say. "That quote about no crying in baseball is bull [bleep]," said Darryl Talley, who lost four Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills. "I cried. I cried in at least two of those Super Bowl losses." Talley appears to have a similar story to Oyster River Sophomore, Connor Fitzhenry. Fitzhenry stated, "T" was three years ago and the final game of the season. I could taste the victory; however, we lost, and I admittedly shed a few tears."

Of course one could argue that men crying as a result of sporting events is both acceptable and/or a serious emotional issue. At Oyster River High School, a general consensus was not determined. The legitimacy of males crying at sporting events remains a great mystery.





Zach Scholz
Guest Writer

HOCKEY OVERVIEW

BOYS HOCKEY

"Some say Owen's got the biggest, but Bishop begs to differ," says Assistant Captain and Senior, Sam Smith. With Captain Owen Allen leading the team with a 22.5 plus/minus it just goes to show that the competition is racking up for the biggest. However, when it comes to goals, Bishop holds the lead with 12 followed by CJ Jerry with 10.

Already more than halfway through the winter season, ORHS hockey is on its way to the NHIAA Tournament. After starting off the season 5-1-0, the team has finally comeback from a three game losing streak and is now placed 3rd in Division II boy's ice hockey with a 9-5-0 record. With only four games left in the regular season, the team has high hopes for what's about to come.



"We're capable of beating every team on the roster, but we need to learn how to play a full forty five minutes of hockey first," said Smith. Smith admits that the team has showed an immense amount of improvement since the beginning of tryouts in Thanksgiving. After losing in OT twice in a row to Bow and Bedford, the team is starting to make a comeback. ORHS was able to beat Kingswood Regional 8-1 at home

and follow up with another 4-1 victory over Winnacunnet.

With roughly half of the varsity team playing both JV and Varsity, the team has seen its up and downs when it comes playing the body and making the smart play. Freshmen Jordan Petro, Bryce Schultz, Jordan White and sophomore Cooper Smith have all proven that they are capable of competing on the Varsity level.

As far as goalies go, Brennan Young has successfully replaced last year's goalie, Dylan Strogon, place and has provided the team with a strong four wins over Merrimack, Lebanon, Keene, and Winnacunnet. Now placed third in the NHIAA goalie rankings just behind Steven Tempesta from Bedford, and Tyler Briand from Dover, Brennan leads the team with a .921 save percentage.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Expectations are high as the Oyster River High School girl's hockey team comes to a close with its regular season. The girl's ice hockey team was able to take a definitive lead at the start of the season over Hanover which led to a seven game win streak. Now with only two games left in the regular season against St. Thomas/ Dover and Hanover, the team is making a run for the championship.



With Senior Forward Marissa Biederman scoring her 100th career point against Berlin/Gorham the team has picked up some momentum. Other lead goal scorers include Mickayla Hartford, Hannah Herz-Khan and Sandra Strogon.

However, even with a lot of individual talent on the team, Coach Jamie Long said that the girls need to work on their passing and communication skills. Also, even with a notable 7-6 win over reigning champs Hanover, the girl's ice hockey team needs to beat the teams above them in the standings.